



February 2023 Newsletter

After what feels like a very long January, the shortest month of the year is finally here! As you will be aware, planning for the new school is getting well underway and we hope that some of you took the opportunity to go and see these plans and talk to the architects about them. We have been given the boards that were on display that evening and we will put these out on display during the parent drop-in sessions for you to see. They can also be viewed online: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2023/Jan/First%C2%A0look-at-Amble-s-new-school-plans.aspx>

There is still a lot of planning and work to be done but we hope that you will be as excited as we are about the extra space that we will have and especially the addition of a school field.

Mrs Lizzie Jackson

Parent/carer meetings

A reminder that these will be taking place during the week beginning 6th February. If you haven't received an appointment yet, please get in touch with school and the teachers will be happy to organise a suitable time for you.



Sports Leaders

In January, we told Year 3 and 4 about the opportunity to become an Amble First Sports Leader. Miss Gilbert was really pleased that so many people were excited about this role and she had lots of applications. We would like to congratulate: Francesca, Charlie, Lucas, Stephany and Rex from Year 4 and Nina, Reggie, Teddy, Joey, Lacie-Mae, Zara and Lincoln from Year 3. We look forward to seeing what you all bring to the role.



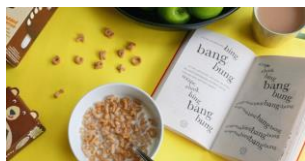
Reading

At Amble First School, we place great importance on reading and it is lovely to see how many of our children enjoy reading in school. They enjoy selecting books from our library, reading at break and lunchtimes in our story station and our Year 2, 3 and 4 children are currently enjoying using the new Reading Plus programme. We are always looking for new ways to keep our children interested in reading and have a number of new things



for them to take part in.

Reading Breakfasts



Please come and join us for light refreshments and enjoy sharing a book with your child. The school hall will be open from 8.35am until 9.15am so that you can spend some quality time reading with your child. There will be lots of lovely books for you to explore together and a chance to speak to staff about how you can support your child with reading at home. Sessions will take place on:

Reception - Wednesday 8th February

Year 1 - Wednesday 15th February

Year 2 - Wednesday 15th March

Year 3 - Wednesday 1st March

Year 4 - Wednesday 22nd March

Extreme reading challenge!

What's the most unusual place you've ever read a book? Children are invited to have a photograph taken of themselves reading a book in unusual and out of the ordinary places. The more creative the better! We just ask that you are mindful of being safe. We would love for families (and pets) to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Please email photos to your class teacher and we will share your photos online.



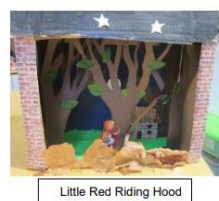
World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. Children are welcome to come in fancy dress. Every child will be given a book token that they can use to buy one of the special World Book Day books or they can use it towards the cost of a different book.

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day, children are invited to get creative and recreate a scene from their favourite story inside a box. Please have your entries in by

Wednesday 1st March.

There are lots of prizes to be won!



Reminder: Class drop-in sessions

Reception	March 28th 2pm
Year 1	March 23rd 2pm
Year 2	March 22nd 2pm
Year 3	March 15th 2pm
Year 4	March 21st 2pm



Party Night

On **Thursday 16th February**, we will be hosting a party night here at Amble First School. This will take place from 3:15pm - 4:30pm. Children from Reception to Year 4 who wish to attend will stay after school and can bring clothes to change into if they wish. The cost of the tickets is £2 which will include a drink and a packet of crisps. Children can bring money to purchase extra snacks and drinks. Bookings can be made on Eduspot and must be done so by **Friday 10th February**. **Please note that the after school club will be closed on that day.**



Year 4 Residential - Meeting

Mrs Metcalfe and Miss Wilkie will be hosting a meeting on **Tuesday 28th February at 3:20pm** to talk about the upcoming trip to Dukeshouse Wood. This will take place in the Year 4 classroom. They will talk about the activities that the children will be taking part in and will provide information about what the children need to bring. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please get in touch and we will send copies of all information provided.



Attendance January 2023

Reception	88.6%
Year 1	91.8%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	92.1%

Well done Year 3 for the second month in a row!

Attendance Ladder



Online Safety

ParentZone is a really useful resource which provides information about different apps and their suitability for children of different ages. There are videos to show how the apps work and information about any potential risks.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/library>



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2nd Year 4 Bikeability

WB 6th Parents' Evening appointments

8th Reception reading breakfast

13th KS1 Beach Day

15th KS2 Beach Day

15th Year 1 reading breakfast

16th Party Night

17th Last day of half term

20th - 24th School closed for half term

27th School closed for teacher training day

28th School reopens for all pupils

28th Dukeshouse Wood meeting 3:20pm